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# HISTORY OF RAYMOND

By ELIZABETH KING

GEORGE W. GREEN  
PIONEER MAYOR AND  
MANAGER OF RAYMONDS  
MILL AND ELEVATOR CO.  
—FIRST MANAGER OF  
OPERA HOUSE



In studying the life of George W. Green one finds a life filled with hustle and bustle, activity and accomplishments—a thrifty useful life.

On the 50th wedding anniversary (Feb. 28, 1944) of Mr. and Mrs. George Green, just one year before Mr. Green's passing, the late John F. Green (also a Raymond pioneer) had this to say of his brother Geo. W. Green has never had a desire to accumulate money for the purpose of getting and keeping it stowed away, or for power. His desire in getting money was to put it to work and make it earn money and build up the country. He has given encouragement to individuals, to groups, to communities and has helped many people and has put them in a position to help themselves.

For a number of years George had a vision of the possibilities of the alfalfa meal in Alberta and tried to interest the directors of the Ellison Mills in this enterprise but with no success. Finally in 1928 he established a plant himself, known as George W. Green and Co. Ltd., and the growth and success of this business in the past 15 years proves his vision of the future was correct.

Going back to the beginning of his activities in Raymond—Mr. Green arrived here October 2, 1902. His wife and three children, George N., Viola, and Josie, coming one month later, November 6th in 10 below zero weather. Mr. and Mrs. Green's three oldest children were born in Salt Lake City where Mr. Green was employed as a salesman for the Layton Milling and Elevator Co. for ten years. Mr. E. P. Ellison was president of that company and it was through Mr. Ellison becoming interested in the Knight Sugar Co., and the Raymond Milling Co. that Mr. Green was chosen to manage the Milling Co. at Raymond. The Mill began operating in January, 1903. Flour and mill products were shipped to England, Scotland and Norway, and many year-rounds to Hong Kong, China. At one time before 1914 the Ellison mill shipped more flour to China than all other mills in Canada. Under Mr. Green's management the industry grew and expanded to Magnolia where a mill was built in 1906. The mill at Lethbridge in 1907. The H. S. Allen mill was purchased in 1914. About 20 elevators were built in southern Alberta and British Columbia. Mr. Green continued as manager until 1935.

He was elected Mayor of Raymond in January 1906 which position he held for two terms.

In January 1907, Mr. Green said "Electric lights will come and must be considered at once."

Minutes of a special meeting of the Rate payers of the Municipality held 8 p.m. April 1907 in the school house at the call of Mayor Green for the purpose of considering the Knight Sugar Co's Electric light proposition. Mayor George W. Green presiding. Counselors H. S. Allen, Jas. Kirkham, L. D. King, W. S. Johnston, L. M. Johnston, E. B. Hicks, Sec-Treas. George H. Budd.

A good representation of citizens in attendance. Secretary read the call made by the Mayor. Mayor Green rehearsed the history of the Electric light question saying that it originated with the Board of Trade, who appointed a committee to investigate the proposition.

The Sugar Co. was solicited and agreed to take it into consideration. The Town Council finally took up the matter and canvassed the town securing 600 lights and it was presented to the board of directors of the Knight Sugar Co. who agreed to proceed to install a plant, providing it could be made to at least pay expenses. The Council again considered the matter in connection with solicitor L. M. Johnston who said the Co. should make some concessions. After another consultation with Mr. Ellison who made some concessions, the council reconvened and adjourned without doing business. The Sugar Co.s proposition.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Melba Holmes left Thursday for Salt Lake where she will join her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kirkham and accompany them home.

New babies arriving at the local

## FIX MAXIMUM SPEED ON ALBERTA'S ROADS

Motorists are restricted to a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour on Alberta highways, under a bill to amend the Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act which was approved by the legislature last week.

The House also placed its approval on a section which provides that the maximum speed limit is 45 miles per hour at night.

During the debate on the bill in the legislature, attention was drawn to the objection which the Alberta Motor Association had registered against the bill. The A.M.A. contended that the present law should be maintained, requiring motorists to drive at a reasonable rate and having due regard to the circumstances.

The A.M.A. says that a speed of 55 miles per hour might be justified at certain times and on other occasions it might be dangerous.

Attention was also drawn during the debate to the fact that many of the states have eliminated the maximum speed law and returned to the flexible rate law such as has been in operation in Alberta.

Government speakers claimed that while a maximum speed was being set, the provisions as to a reasonable rate of speed still are in effect.

A Bennett. Following are a few accomplishments during the time George W. Green was mayor—

"There were improvements made on road and sidewalks from the railroad station to the south corner of King Bros. Store.

A new engine was installed and operated successfully and a house was built to cover the engine at the spring.

Reception for Dr. Saunders of Ottawa.

William Speakman constructed a plank walk for \$75.00

Fire brigade organized. Erection of building for chemical engine. Nov. 30 Mayor Green resigned and on January 6, 1908 in a short speech Mayor Green vacated the chair and escorted Mayor J. H. Rivers to it.

When they first came to Raymond Mr. Green and family lived in the south east part of town until a home was finished on Broadway near the old T. J. O'Brien home. They lived here nine years when in 1911 they moved to Lethbridge and when the Lethbridge ward was organized in 1912 Mr. Green was selected as a counselor in the bishopric and in 1914 was made bishop. He was a counselor in the Lethbridge Stake until 1934.

"Aunt Polly" as Mrs. Green was lovingly called by her many friends was loved by everyone while she resided in Raymond. At her Golden Wedding celebration in Lethbridge this was said of her: "Polly has been an exceptionally fond and devoted mother and a true and devoted wife. She has stood with George in all his trials and enterprises and has inspired him and given him much encouragement." Mrs. Green and most of her family of children are residents of Lethbridge and George Jr., Arthur and Thomas are carrying on the work their father started. Mr. Green passed away in January, 1945 at the age of 76.

## NOTICE

In View of the increasing number of accounts that are being charged to the St. Mary's River School Division No. 2, by persons unauthorized to do so.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Divisional Board of Trustees of the St. Mary's River School Division No. 2 that they will not be held responsible for such accounts and that they will be made at the risk of the persons entering into them.

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S. HESKETH, Sec.-Treas.,  
St. Mary's River S. D. No. 2.

## Editorial

### Rats

#### SCIENTIFIC IMMIGRATION

If a map or graph were drawn illustrating the areas in North America in which the scourge of rats is well established, a surprising and alarming fact would be portrayed. Almost every other section of the country is affected with the exception of Alberta. But this is no cause for complacency, because they are approaching our borders.

And what does this influx of king size rodents mean? In the problem of insect borne diseases, the rat is an unpleasant and dangerous factor for he is often the carrier of infected fleas. If these casual visitors were to gain a foothold in Alberta our plague problem would become greatly complicated.

But considerable attention has been devoted to devising ways and means of preventing such an invasion. The Division of Entomology of the Provincial Department of Health is vitally concerned with the prevention and control of all insect-borne diseases. Its work is painstaking and detailed and is a tangible example of the fact that where the safeguarding of human life is involved, patience is a highly expendable element.

With proper co-operation from the citizens of the Province, it is possible, and even likely that Mr. and Mrs. Rat, as well as their family, will find a very discouraging welcome in Alberta enough to persuade them that this is one venture in immigration not to be undertaken, ending the danger of future war.

The movement of thousands of persons from displaced persons camps in Europe to jobs in Canada is one of the most humanitarian and desirable projects with which this Dominion has ever been associated, says the Financial Post editorially.

By hundreds of thousands of DPs in scattered camps throughout the U.S.A. and British Zones of Germany, Canada and U.S. are seen as beckoning Meccas, where a person can find self-respect in work. These potential Canadians are not Germans. They are chiefly people from the Baltic countries, Poles and Ukrainians, barred from their homeland they are determined to make a fresh start in a new land and to become full-fledged citizens of that new land.

Seven distinct screenings assure that the displaced persons arriving in Canada are likely to fit into our life here and become valuable citizens. Take the example of those who go to the mines. They have their fares paid to Canada. They give their undertaking to work for at least 10 months. In return they are guaranteed equal pay with Canadians (even while learning) plus housing accommodation well up to Canadian standards. A good man may make up to \$400 a month in a mine.

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